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M I N U T E S

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Voting Members Present

Heather Kawamoto
Donna Borgford-Parnell
Sandy Duncan
Cathy Murahashi
Cheryl Buttermeier
Charlene Robbins
Jane Campbell
Susan Sandall
Adrienne Fatur

Employer

Puget Sound Educational Service District
Seattle King Health Department
Children's Health Access Program
King County Parent Coalition
Boyer Children's Clinic
Parent
DSHS/DDD/Region 4
University of Washington EEU
Child Care Resources

Community Members

Walt Bowen	I TEIP
Deborah Ennis	H,S&D PIP Director
Dora Jones	ALI N
Michelle Roger	ALI N
Jane Place	Childhaven
Jane Dobrovlny	Northwest Center Child Development

Staff Present

Jan Wrathall	King County Developmental Disabilities
Josh Goldfinger	King County Community & Human Services
Katherine Festa	King County Developmental Disabilities

Introductions

Sandy Duncan, Interim Chair, began the meeting with self introductions.

Approval of Minutes

07120401 Sandy Duncan asked for corrections or additions to the May Minutes. Susan Sandall moved that the May Minutes be approved, Sandy Duncan seconded, and the May Minutes were approved.

Community Announcements & ICC Member Reports

- Sandy introduced Adrienne Fatur of Child Care Resources to become a new KCI CC member representing the child care community.

07120402 Sandy asked the committee to vote to approve Adrienne joining the KCI CC and the committee unanimously approved and welcomed her as a new member.

- The group talked about a flyer elaborating on the YMCA.
- Jan Wrathall congratulated Jane Campbell on her new position as Assistant Director for King County Developmental Disabilities Division.
- Cathy Murahashi reminded everyone of the Parent Coalition Picnic.
- Walt Bowen announced that ITEIP still has not moved.
- Charlene Robbins, parent, provided a report from the sub-committee regarding the assembling of basic information notebooks, by parents for parents, to prepare them for the Birth-to-Three to preschool transition process. This book will be installed on-line through the KCDDD website, so parents will be able to access current information. They are also trying to match parents with mentors.
- Adrienne Fatur gave a report on the Action Agenda ICC Subcommittee meeting about Early Interventions. At the meeting Denise Bohanna reported on the activities of the Northwest Area Foundation and its efforts to ensure cultural competence. Further discussion occurred around the need to build relationships with the informal leaders in various communities in order to ensure appropriate cultural services and access. The next meeting is July 28th at 1:00 pm at Region IV DDD.

Member presentations – Description of what their agency does, and what they do within the organization.

- Sandy Duncan of CHAP:

Community Health Access Program (CHAP) is the Lead FRC for King County. They are a non-profit group that primarily offers the community telephone access to information, and referrals around insurance assistance. They are the central point of entry into early intervention services for King County. CHAP gathers information and concerns about the child, finds out what the family is interested in, then refer them to an agency. CHAP staff are also the County's independent FRCs. Parents can access them as an alternative to an FRC associated with an agency. CHAP also serves as the County's designated FRCs for children who are deaf/hard of hearing. They also plan and ensure monthly training/networking for County FRC's.

- Donna Borgford-Parnell of SKCDPH:

Seattle King County Public Health (SKCDPH) is a Title V program of the Social Security Act that provides services for children with special needs. Children 0 to 18 are eligible for services. They have a small amount of funding for treatment and services for Medicaid children.

- Charlene Robbins, Parent:

Charlene talked about her twins and the support she receives. The twins will be ready for preschool in the fall, when they turn 3. She discussed the fear of putting the twins on the bus for school. Charlene also helps with the State Leadership team to look at new laws. She talks with representatives and senators, and is working with the State lobbying for schools that do not have speech pathologists.

- Heather Kawamoto of Puget Sound ESD:

Puget Sound ESD for King and Pierce County offers services for School Districts K to 12, and Early Childhood Education Assistance Program ages 0 to 6. PS ESD has an Early Learning Outreach Coordinator that teaches special needs and inclusion training.

- Jane Place of Childhaven:

Childhaven services birth to 5 children with open abuse and neglect cases. They help the children regain ability to attach to adults in their lives. They offer day program, in which, they pick up and drop off children. There are Case Managers and Family Resource Coordinators for all children. Around 30 percent

of the children have a developmental disability and are integrated with the typical kids.

- Jane Campbell of DSHS - DDD:

Region 4 Developmental Disabilities Division provides direct services and also subcontracts to the County. They serve approximately 8,000 clients. Fifty percent are under age 18. The majority are inactive. The Region approves Medicaid eligible clients to receive personal care, qualifies adults for ICMFR care to live in institutions or alternative living, and are responsible for family support extension grants for respite. They also fund assistance for in home behavioral needs. Crisis services are available through Seattle Children's Home for children over age three, and waiver assessments are available for children and adults. They are currently conducting CARE assessments (old Medicare) for respite or childcare services.

- Cathy Murahashi of The Arc Parent Coalition:

The Arc Parent coalition is an advocacy group that does advocacy and education at the state. They take families to Olympia to meet representatives. They offer training for families on how to advocate for themselves. They have monthly parent meetings and a great website. Once a year they host the Legislative Night for all the State's senators and representatives. They mail monthly information packets to families.

- Cheryl Buttermeier of Boyer Children's Clinic:

Boyer's was started by a group of parents with children with Cerebral Palsy. They are an NDC (Neurodevelopment Center). They now serve children with all developmental disabilities; however they do not serve children with primary mental health issues. Their staff includes a Medical Director, Nurse Educators, FRCs, Social Workers and Therapists. They offer in-house and community setting services. They have a preschool program with parent participation for birth to 3 and some 4 to 5 with special needs. They also make orthotics.

- Jane Dobrovolny of Northwest Center:

Northwest Center is a child development center. They have a preschool program with before and after school childcare. They also offer full-day childcare. Northwest Center has Adult Programs as well.

- Adrienne Fatur of Child Care Resources:

Child Care Resources offers parents information and referral services for licensed child care programs. They provide resources for curriculum development, and setting classroom environments. They also provide workshops and training, and offer technical assistance.

- Walt Bowen of Infant Toddler Early Intervention Program (ITEIP):
ITEIP is an administrative agency (State Lead Agency) for Part C, Birth to 3 contracts statewide. King County Developmental Disabilities contracts with ITEIP. They manage an Autism Outreach Project, participate in the EHDDI Project, do data analysis, contract with the Statewide Washington Sensory Disabilities Project for training, and provide technical assistance to vision and hearing impaired children.
- Deborah Ennis of Hearing, Speech and Deafness:
Hearing, Speech and Deafness Center (HSDC) of Seattle has been around for 35 years. They offer Birth to Adult Speech Services, an OTC parent infant program, a sign language program, lip reading, as well as hearing testing and services for the deaf. They provide sign language classes for all family members, interpretation, and youth leadership training for the deaf. They also serve P.I.P. birth to 3, deaf and hard of hearing with unilateral or bilateral loss. They provide home visits, and playgroups while parents are in support groups. Parents learn sign language while children play.
- Susan Sandall of University of Washington – Higher Education:
UW – EEU training research program offers birth to 3 Part C program preschool and kindergarten in Seattle E CAP, with Special Education teachers. It is a full year program that includes a summer camp for children. Because of large shortages in appropriately trained personnel, they are compiling information for training needs, and will be working with State ICC to review qualifications on personnel standards.

Continuation of Discussion from the November 2003 meeting:

- How can the KCI CC better help KCDDD (lead agency) plan and coordinate services?
Jan referred to the By-laws, and stressed their need to be enforced. The ICC is intended to open up opportunities for interagency services coordination and the exchange of information. Jan asked people to look at the 3 year plan, and the updated KCDDD website which now has better links. She encouraged FRC's to make a concerted effort toward better teaming. The group discussed getting more ethnic FRC's into communities, and would like to explore this idea further. There was not time to complete the orientation and review of materials.

The next meeting is September 13 at WorkSource in Renton. Sandy Duncan adjourned the meeting.